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MASS MEETING HELD

ADDRESSES BASED UPON MOR-MONISM IN UTAH.

Representatives of Reform Element, Known as Latter Day Saints, Defend the Faith.

The auditorium of the First Congregational Church was well filled yesterday afternoon with men and women who braved the frigid elements in order that they might by their presence participate in the protest being made against the admission of Reed Smoot of Utah to the Senate of the United States. The assembly was termed a "mass meeting of protest" and was held under the joint auspices of the Women's Interdenominational Union and the National Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Bishop Earl Cranston presided, and stirring addresses were made by Mrs. Teunis Hamlin, Charles Maslyn Owen, Dr. R. H. McKim and Mrs. Maria Reed. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. G. Butler, D. D., and Rev. Donald MacLeod, D. D., read the Bible lesson.

The speakers made a strong plea for American womanhood, and severely arraigned the Mormon Church and its methods. It was contended that polygamy has been practiced since the admission of Utah as a state, and that the present relation between the Mormon Church and the state makes the creed an unconstitutional element. The speakers announced their intention to oppose the seating of a Mormon representative in the Senate "to the bitter end."

Incident Not on Program.

At the close of the meeting there was a happening which was not down on the printed program. Mrs. Maria Reed had just finished her address on "The Menace of Modern Mormonism," the benediction had been pronounced and the large audience was moving from the church when two well-dressed and intelligent-looking men, who had been among the auditors, ascended to the speakers' platform and engaged Mrs. Reed in conversation. One of them, who had drawn a note pad and pencil from his pocket and was asking Mrs. Reed questions and apparently making notes, said he was Fred M. Smith of Lamoni, Iowa, a grandson of Joseph Smith, the founder of the Mormon Church. This young man is said to be one of the leaders of the so-called "Reorganized Mormon Church," or "Josephites," the original church being known as the "Brighamites."

It was stated that the Josephites seceded from the older body many years ago and assumed the title of "The Latter Day Saints," and that they have not practiced polygamy.

There was a lively cross-fire between Mrs. Reed and the two Mormon representatives, who was also participated in by Mrs. Hamlin and another lady. Mrs. Reed asserted that the original Joseph Smith had several wives. She said she was not opposing the reorganized Mormon Church, represented by Joseph Smith's grandson, but she maintained the position she had taken and adhered to her statements made from the platform.

It developed during the controversy that the reorganized church has its headquarters in Iowa, with branches in Massachusetts and other eastern and northern states.

When Mrs. Teunis Hamlin was introduced to the meeting yesterday she prefaced her remarks by stating that the women had taken hold of the Mormon matter, believing it was necessary, as the men are busy. She referred to the exclusion of Roberts from Congress, and said the Mormon Church had broken all the pledges it had made.

Charles Moskey Owen of Salt Lake City, who has been engaged in the compilation of the evidence for the protestants in the Smoot case, was next introduced. He quoted from a book published, he said, under the special authority of the Mormon Church for the education of the President, Congress, the national government and the citizens of the United States generally. The quotation follows:

"This republic can never become an asylum to all nations until her domestic institutions are founded upon liberal laws, until she will protect polygamy as equally sacred as monogamy, as a Bible institution, as a right that should be sacredly guaranteed, not only to the polygamic emigrant who may land upon our shores, but to all the inhabitants of our country who may desire to embrace this Bible institution."

"If Utah be admitted as a state she will most undoubtedly see that the rights of the domestic institution are not trampled upon by religious bigotry, that no liberal laws are enacted to prevent emigration from polygamic nations. . . . May the time speedily roll on when Utah shall become a state."

"Utah has become a state," said Mr. Owen, "and she has virtually fulfilled the above declaration. The written laws are not and cannot be enforced, and polygamy is rampant today not only within the borders of Utah, but in Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon, Colorado, Nevada and the territories of Arizona and New Mexico. Every pledge given the Senate committee on territories by the Mormon representatives when the proposed admission of Utah to statehood has been broken. Polygamy is practiced more openly today than at any time in twenty years past. The Mormon men have added numbers to their harems under some guise. If the practice shall be longer winked at by the nation a greater danger is imminent. Already designing politicians of both the great political parties of the day are bowing before a power that owns and exercises a controlling vote in the states of Idaho, Wyoming and Utah, and a large and solid vote in Colorado and Oregon."

Rev. Dr. McKim's Address.

Dr. R. H. McKim, in predicting that this fight would be carried on to a finish by the women, if the men were too busy, said: "Some of these Mormons are termed saints, but when we come to investigate their lives we find they are not. They are men who make a decent Christian. They talk of liberty, but it only means free license. They profane the sacred name of church, for theirs is only a synagogue of Satan. It is a horror, a pest, an abomination. How long will the people go on in careless optimism, continuing a policy of laissez faire?"

"These modern prophets of Baal declare that those members who disobey their secrets shall have their throats cut. It is wrong to admit them to citizenship, and certainly it is a wrong to admit their representatives to the United States Senate."

Mormonism and Its Evils.

"Mrs. Maria Reed, who has been making strenuous efforts against 'Mormonism and its evils' for about three years, said, 'The infamous Mormon system originated in the practical joke of a professed free lover and charlatan.' She criticized Ella Wheeler Wilcox for her statement that 'the Mormons were the most persecuted and persecuted people in the world.'"

"Mrs. Reed said any man in Mormondom might become a god if he had a sufficient following and a large number of descendants. 'Why, these people in Utah,' she declared, 'believe that Gen. George Washington was a good orthodox Mormon, and any Mormon woman who admires the father of our country may marry him, using any ordinary man as a proxy. A large number of Mormon women have thus married George Washington, and were that distinguished American alive he would be alarmed and astonished at the number of plural wives he has in Utah.'"

"Mrs. Reed spoke of Joseph Smith as 'the false prophet,' and said the Mormon church was 'a white sepulchre which conceals within its precincts thousands of blighted homes and broken hearts. The Mormon woman is the most pitiful dupe and martyr under the sun. I am here to plead for those women, and for the sake of American womanhood we ask you to help us secure an amendment to the Constitution which will abolish these harems.'"

Illiteracy of Women Alleged.

Mrs. Reed spoke of the illiteracy of some of the Mormon edicts, and said they illustrated the fact "that some of the Mormon gods had not had the advantage of even a common school education." She drew a vivid word picture of Mormon life, and quoted the alleged declaration of Brigham Young: "Brethren, if any of you deny the right of plural marriage you shall be eternally damned." She said a system which permits a man to have eighty wives and to marry twelve women in one year is conducive of the most immoral conditions.

Mrs. Reed made reference to "Apostle Reed Smoot," and said she had heard Brigham Young, Jr., preach a sermon in which

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Plans of Woman's News Association.

The Woman's National News Association has arranged for an address by Dr. Sheldon

Jackson, to be delivered Friday evening next in the hall of the Public Library. Dr. Jackson has been the general agent of education in Alaska since 1885. This will be the first opportunity of the members of the News Association to hear him. Dr. Jackson will give pictures of Alaskan life and customs.

the colored boy to hang for murder on January 27, and read it to him this morning when the death watch was put on. Tony has made a model prisoner, and is above the average negro in intelligence. The antiquated gallows used in the Garlitz hanging fifteen years ago was destroyed and an entirely new gallows will be erected.